

'69-'70 disruptive year at UT— doesn't compare to east, west

AUSTIN (AP)—Anti-war rallies, protests over tree destruction and occupation of a school snack bar made 1969-70 one of the most tumultuous years in University of Texas history.

A rally protesting American intervention in Cambodia got out of control and ended when city police used tear gas to disperse demonstrators from the Capitol.

Police arrested a group of protesters last fall who had climbed ancient cypress and oak trees along Waller Creek, which flows through the campus, in an unsuccessful attempt to keep them from being cut for a football stadium enlargement.

Frank Erwin Jr., the blunt regents chairman, took personal charge of the Waller Creek tree-cutting, arousing criticism from militants and nonmilitants alike.

City and state police were called in a few weeks later after dissidents occupied the Chuck Wagon snack bar in the student union building. They were protesting a rule limiting the facility to students, teachers and guests. The rule was issued after an incident involving non-student "street people" who hung out in the Chuck Wagon.

All this, however, was mild when compared with disruptions at several campuses in the East and Far West. No buildings were burned. No one was hurt seriously.

Dr. Norman Hackerman, the UT President who is in transition

to becoming Rice University president, discussed campus turmoil in a recent interview. Here are excerpts:

Q The University had its share of disruptions the past year. Still, UT was calm when compared with many colleges in the North, East and Far West. Why do you think this was? Was the administration doing something right or is the student body more conservative or orthodox?

A) . . . Some percentage of luck—just no question about it. Any place of this size, with so many people, with different types of opinions, different ways in which they would go about reaching their objectives, has to have a modicum of good fortune in order not to have a major disruption . . . To a very large extent it's not because the students are conservative but because of a fairly large number who become concerned with the probable outcome of any mass meeting that would have had as its objective a violent demonstration. And by virtue of their persuasiveness with their colleagues, particularly those who are a little more raucously inclined, I think we can see a large part of the reduction in the tension. Also, there was a fair amount of effective faculty activity . . .

Q) If I understand you correctly, you do not think Texas students tend to be any more responsive to authority or conservative than those from other schools over the nation.

A) . . . They come from a more conservative setting, and they're perhaps considering these problems in a slightly more conservative vein, but their sensitivity to the problems and their concern about the state of the world and the country is no less than any place else.

Q) Do you think the end of the Vietnam War will cool things off?

A) Oh, I think it will inevitably, but I don't believe it is going to delete all the problems . . . It's going to make a difference, obviously. For one thing, it's going to have to change the focus of that portion of the group which is challenging us continuously, who have used that

as a mainstay of their argument. They'll have to find some other mainstay . . .

Q) How many militants do you think there are at this campus who are ready to use violence or to provoke others to violence to lend emphasis to their protests?

A) . . . I don't know how to put a number on it, but I think that there are certainly several dozen—several meaning three or four—who are willing to try to stir up violence. And of that several dozen, I wouldn't be surprised if some fraction of them, half or a quarter, are very well versed in the tactics of stirring it up and melting away. You al-

ways find that of those arrested, you usually don't find the group who stirred them up in the first place.

Q) . . . Do you think the University's problems with campus dissidents have been made worse by Mr. Erwin's approach to problems?

A) I suspect if that was an irritant to them, and it had not appeared, some other irritant would have taken its place . . . What I'm saying to you is, when the uproar gets started, those who cause the uproar do everything they can to keep it operating. So if it hadn't been him, it might have been something else.

Intramural meetings Wednesday afternoon

Meetings to discuss the organization of intramural sports for both civilians and corps during the fall semester will be held Wednesday afternoon, according to Ray Fletcher, director of Intramural Athletics.

The corps meeting will be held at 5 p.m. and the civilians will meet at 5:30 p.m. in room 232 of the G. Rollie White Coliseum, Fletcher said.

Directors for Intramural sports for all civilian dorms and corps units are urged to attend the meetings, he said.

Upperclassmen will start the fall intramural program with football, handball and bowling while freshmen will have basketball, horseshoes and table tennis first this fall.

When these sports have been finished, the upperclassman will then have the latter three sports and the freshmen the former three later in the semester.

Vernon given safety award

Dr. Ralph J. Vernon, associate professor of engineering technology, is among the first 100 persons in the nation designated a "certified safety professional."

The designation is awarded by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals as part of a new program assessing the professional qualifications of safety directors, accident prevention specialists and safety engineers.

"This is another step toward the recognition and certification of individuals with outstanding qualifications and accomplishments in the accident prevention area," noted Dr. Everett R. Glazer, head of the Engineering Technology Department.

He pointed out Dr. Vernon is coordinator for the department's new undergraduate and graduate degree programs in industrial safety and industrial hygiene.

Dr. Vernon joined the faculty in 1951 but accepted a safety engineer position with an insurance company in Dallas two years later. He returned briefly in 1966 before beginning study for a Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. He rejoined the faculty in 1968.

Vernon received his undergraduate degree at Clemson University and master's here.

Ushers needed for home games

Persons desiring to work as ushers in Kyle Field for the 1970 Texas A&M football season will meet Thursday.

Bill Gard, in charge of ushers, said the group will be organized and work forms will be completed. He said the 5 p.m. meeting will be in Room 232 of G. R. White Coliseum.

Laundry schedule for fall released

The laundry schedule for the fall 1970 semester has been announced by George Hartsock, laundry manager.

Students whose last names begin with A-C must turn in their bundles Thursday before 9 a.m. and may pick them up Friday after 3 p.m.; D-H will turn bundles in Friday and pick them up the following Monday; I-M will turn laundry in Monday and pick it up Tuesday; M-R will turn bundles in Tuesday and pick them up Wednesday; S-Z will turn laundry in Wednesday and pick it up Thursday.

Hartsock reminded students only one bundle will be accepted each week and that a 50-cent charge will be made on bundles turned in out of place. Laundry turned in late should be deposited at the assigned station to be picked up later.

A ticket stub must be presented to pick up finished laundry. Without it the student's identification card must be presented and a 15-cent penalty paid. In case of complaints, the laundry tickets from the bundle must be brought to the main laundry office within three days. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Students living in dorms 1 through 12 must have a pink laundry ticket and use laundry station 2 in the Dorm Services Building. Hart, Law, Puryear, Mitchell, Leggett and Milner will use Leggett Hall station 3 and have yellow tickets. Dorms 13 through 22, Henderson and Walton will use hospital station 4 and have gold tickets.

All other students and those living off campus will use hospital station 4 and have white tickets.

Earth Lumpy

The earth is in a lot worse shape than most of us thought. The poor old planet is a lot more lumpy and irregular than scientists thought just four years ago.

In fact, a recent study described the earth's surface as in such bad shape that its highs and lows roughly form a couple of dumbbells running north and south. The study was done by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) made possible by a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

One way SAO reached its conclusions about the earth's rumpled surface was by using a bank of computers to analyze more than 100,000 photographs from satellites as they rose and fell—ever so slightly—in orbital flight.

These variations in orbital flight are caused by the differences in the earth's gravity at various points on its surface—generally, the stronger pull of gravity over high spots on earth, such as mountains, and a lesser pull over the low areas.

SAO scientists examined differences from the recognized mountains and lowlands and other topographic features. All of the earth's high and low features are impossible to detect from the ground.

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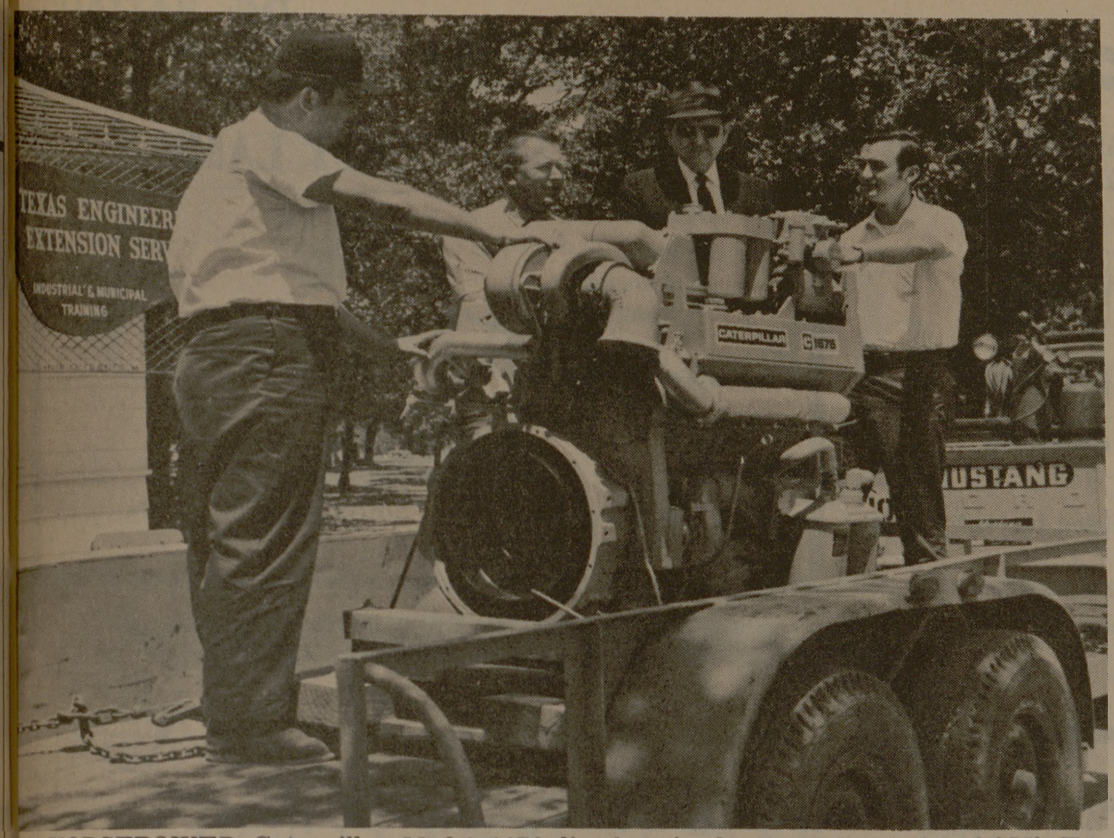
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Oceanographers visit Tokyo

Four local professors and a former graduate student will be key participants at the International Oceanography Congress Sept. 14-23 in Tokyo.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer, head of the university's Oceanography Department, said members of the delegation will present nine papers, convene two symposiums and serve as chairmen for two sections.

Participating in the Tokyo conference will be Drs. Luis R. Capurro, John D. Cochran, Sayed Z. El-Sayed, Takashi Ichiye and David Paskausky. Dr. Paskausky received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M last year and is now a professor at the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Ichiye will present five papers at several different sections.

Capt. Capurro will convene the symposium on remote sensing of oceanic variables and chair the session on bottom water origins and motions.

Similar honors have been bestowed on Dr. El-Sayed. He will convene the symposium dealing with aspects of Antarctic ice and water masses and serve as chairman for a session on the physiology of organisms at low temperatures.

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